

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 27-40, and 51-65 are pending, in which claims 41-50 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-26 were previously canceled.

The Office Action mailed April 8, 2008 rejected claims 41, 42, 45-47 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by *Bowater et al.* (EP 0794650 A2), and claims 43, 44, 48 and 49 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on *Bowater et al.* (EP 0794650 A2) in view of *Hulen et al.* (US 5,497,373 A).

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 27-40 and 51-65 are allowed.

With respect to the rejected claims 41-50, these claims have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejections moot.

Therefore, the present application overcomes the rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 519-9952 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 504213 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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